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SUBJECT: ISRAELI REACTION TO VATICAN STATEMENT ON CAPUCCI

REF: ROME 17112

1. MOST ISRAELI PAPERS DEC 12 REPORT STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO OFFICIAL GOI SOURCES EXPRESSING REGRET THAT VATICAN STATEMENT ON SENTENCING OF CAPUCCI CONTAINED NO CONDEMNATION OF CAPUCCI'S ACTIVITIES. SOURCES REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT STATEMENT DID NOT IMPLY SYMPATHY ON PART OF VATICAN WITH ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN ISRAEL.

2. RE REFERENCE IN VATICAN STATEMENT TO FACT THAT HEADS OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN SHOWN RESPECT, PRESS CITES OFFICIAL SOURCES AS SAYING ISRAEL HAS ALWAYS, AND WOULD CONTINUE TO, RESPECT "CHURCH LEADERS WHO ARE FAITHFUL TO THEIR HIGH CALLING". SOURCES WERE ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE RECONFIRMED THAT GOI HAS NO INTENTION AT PRESENT

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OF DEPORTING CAPUCCI.

3. ONLY EDITORIAL DEC 12 WAS IN HATZOFE (LIMITED CIRCULATION NEWSPAPER WITH RELIGIOUS ORIENTATION PUT OUT BY NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY) UNDER HEADING "DOES THE VATICAN IDENTIFY ITSELF WITH THE CRIMINAL?" HATZOFE ALSO CRITICIZES LACK OF CONDEMNATION OF "PRIEST-TERRORIST" IN VATICAN STATEMENT. EDITORIAL ALSO NOTES WITH DISFAVOR VATICAN CONCERN THAT ISRAELI COURT'S DECISION MIGHT COMPLICATE RELATIONS BETWEEN JEWS AND ARABS, " AS IF THESE RELATIONS WERE NOT COMPLICATED ENOUGH BY CAPUCCI'S ACTIONS."

4. COMMENT: WHILE GOI OBVIOUSLY FELT COMPELLED TO PLACE ITS UNHAPPINESS WITH VATICAN STATEMENT ON RECORD THROUGH "OFFICIAL SOURCES", WE SUSPECT IT HOPES THAT CAPUCCI AFFAIR, WHICH CAN ONLY COMPLICATE RELATIONS WITH NUMBER OF FOREIGN GOVTS, WILL QUIETLY FADE FROM PUBLIC ATTENTION.  
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